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SIX KILLED IN VIOLENCE AS IMRAN SUPPORTERS CLASH WITH POLICE

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif alleged the protesters rammed the troops with a convoy of vehicles. The protesters, who have been marching towards Islamabad since Sunday, are demanding the release of former PM Imran Khan. The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) founder is serving a three-year jail term for corruption—a charge he denies. On November 13, he issued a 'final call" to his supporters, urging them not to relent until govt meets all demands | P12

Celebrate Bengaluru's Devis

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Mr Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister, Karnataka, will be presenting the awards

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EVENT XPRESS

November 30, 5.30 pm

ITC Gardenia, Bengaluru

GUARANTEES

Cong to issue show-cause notice to MLA over statement

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hosapete/Bengaluru

HOSAPETE Congress MLA HR Gaviyappa's statement on Tuesday that he will soon write to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to stop the guarantee schemes evoked strong criticism from party leaders and ministers with Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar stating that a show cause notice will be issued to him.

Speaking at a function in Hosapete, Gaviyappa said because of the five guarantees, funds are not being released for development works in his constituency. After his statement went viral, Congress ministers and leaders took him to task and Gaviyappa, who backtracked, said that the media 'misinterpreted' it. Shivakumar told reporters in Bengaluru that the KPCC will seek an explanation from Gaviyappa. He clarified that the government will not stop the guarantees. Shivakumar warned that Congress MLAs should not question the guarantee schemes. Action will be taken against the party legislators who went public against the guarantees, he said.

Addressing the gathering at Hosapete, Gaviyappa said MLAs are not getting adequate funds for development works as the state government spends huge sums of money on the implementation of the guarantees. "I am planning to write to CM Siddaramaiah to stop or at least revise some of the guarantees," he said.

President Droupadi Murmu addresses Parliament to mark Constitution Day in New Delhi on Tuesday | PTI

Constitution a progressive, live document, says Murmu

Addresses House on 75th anniv of adoption of the Constitution

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IT is the responsibility of the executive, legislature and judiciary to work together to make the lives of common people better in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution, President Droupadi Murmu said on Tuesday.

Addressing a joint sitting of Parliament to mark 75 years of the adoption of the Constitution, Murmu said the fundamental duties of every citizen had been clearly defined in the country's founding document, which lay stress on protecting the nation's unity and integrity, promoting harmony and ensuring the dignity of women. "Constitutional ideals get strength from the active participation of the executive, legislature and the judiciary, as well as all citizens," she said.

Describing the Constitution as a living and progressive document, she said, "In accordance with the spirit of the Constitution, it is the responsibility of the executive, legislature and the judiciary to work together to make the lives of common people better."

The President also recalled the contribution of the 15 women members of the Constituent Assembly in framing the Constitution. The Constitution makers, she added, had given a directive for India to play an important role in the promotion of international peace and security.

The Constitution, in one sense, was the outcome of nearly three years of deliberations by some of the greatest minds, but, in the true sense, it was the outcome of the long freedom struggle.

"The ideals of that incomparable national movement came to be enshrined in the Constitution. Those ideals have been captured succinctly in the Preamble to the Constitution. They are justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. These ideals have defined India since the ages. The ideals highlighted in the Preamble complement each other. Together, they create an environment in which every single citizen finds an opportunity to flourish, contribute to society, and help fellow citizens," she added.

Meanwhile, DMK leader T R Baalu wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla saying some salient features of the Constitution, including the words 'socialist' and 'secular', were not mentioned in the address of the president, "drafted and approved by the government". He urged the Speaker to include a discussion on Murmu's address in the business agenda of the House during the Winter Session. P9

SC junks plea for ballots; Kharge against EVMs

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY AND PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday rejected a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by an evangelist seeking the reintroduction of the physical paper ballot voting system in elections in India, saying allegations about electronic voting machine tampering are raised only when people lose polls.

The petitioner, founder of the US-based organisations Global Peace Initiative (GPI) and Gospel to the Unreached Millions, argued that political leaders such as Chandrababu Naidu and Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had questioned the authenticity of EVMs. To this, a two-judge bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and P B Varale said: "When Chandrababu Naidu or Mr Reddy lost, they say that EVMs are tampered and when they won, they don't say anything. How can we see this? We are dismissing this. This is not the place where you argue all of this."

Meanwhile, the Congress on Tuesday demanded that EVMs must be abolished and elections conducted through ballot paper. Speaking at a function to mark the 'Constitution Day', Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge called for a campaign on the scale of Bharat Jodo Yatra to create awareness about returning to ballot papers.

The demand comes amid concerns among opposition parties over alleged manipulation of EVMs in Maharashtra and Haryana elections.

Referring to the Maharashtra polls, which the NDA swept, Kharge alleged industrialist Gautam Adani had a role to play. "I do not wish to speak about elections, but I would say the votes of the poor and oppressed are going to waste," he alleged.

EXPRESS READ

Sambhal returning to normal after violence

SAMBHAL: Two days after violence broke out during a court-ordered survey of a Mughal-era mosque, life in Sambhal was gradually returning to normal on Tuesday with schools reopening and several shops selling daily essentials resuming operations. However, internet services continued to remain suspended in Sambhal tehsil. Members of both Hindu and Muslim communities have called for unity and pledged to rebuild communal harmony even as police and administration officials were continuing to closely monitor the situation, with Rapid Action Force teams stationed in sensitive areas.

Governor CP Radhakrishnan receives Shiv Sena leader Eknath Shinde's resignation as CM, as BJP's Devendra Fadnavis and NCP's Ajit Pawar look on, in Mumbai | PTI

Shinde push for Mahayuti convener, son as Deputy CM if denied top post

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE slugfest over the new Maharashtra government's leadership continued on Tuesday with caretaker chief minister and Shiv Sena head Eknath Shinde reportedly rejecting offers from the BJP to either take a Cabinet position in the Union government or deputy chief ministership in a Devendra Fadnavis-led government.

Highly placed sources said Shinde's counter was that if he does not get the chief ministerial position, he should be made the convener of Mahayuti government, and his son Dr Shrikant Shinde, Lok Sabha member from Kalyan, the deputy chief minister.

The BJP is yet to respond to the counter, said sources adding that it has delayed the swearing in ceremony. It could happen on Friday or the first week of December.

In the morning, Shinde resigned as chief minister and was requested by the governor to continue in that position as caretaker.

A Shiv Sena leader requesting anonymity said if the BJP does not concede the chief ministerial post to Eknath Shinde, it would validate Uddhav Thackeray's charge of the BJP's use-and-throw politics. That will give Uddhav a fillip after being thoroughly trounced in the recent assembly elections.

Shiv Sena MLAs who were camped at a five-star hotel, Taj Lands End, in Mumbai, were asked to go back to their constituencies, meet the people and thank them for the mandate. Shinde also advised party workers not to converge to Mumbai to extend support.

19-yr-old woman found murdered in B'luru flat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

Maya Gogoi

Aarav Hancy

A 19-year-old woman was found murdered at a serviced apartment in Indiranagar on Tuesday.

The assailant is suspected to be her boyfriend, who has been living with her in the apartment since Saturday. Her body bore multiple stab injuries. The police have launched a manhunt for the killer.

The deceased has been identified as Maya Gogoi Deka of Guwahati in Assam. She moved to Bengaluru a year ago and worked with a private company. She lived near Hoodi Metro Station with her elder sister.

The suspect, Aarav Hancy, 21, a resident of HSR Layout and native of Kannur in Kerala, worked as a counselling executive with a private company in HSR Layout. The murder took place at The Royal Livings apartment in Indiranagar, I Stage. CONTINUED ON P3

Deny voting rights for Muslims: Seer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AMID the raging Waqf controversy, seer of Vishwa Vokkaliga Mahasamsthana Mutt Kumara Chandrashekaranatha has said that a new law should be enacted to deny voting rights for Muslims. Claiming that such a law exists in Pakistan, where non-Muslims do not have voting rights, the seer demanded that a similar law be enacted here. He also called for abolishing the Waqf Board.

He was speaking at a protest meeting organised by the Bharatiya Kisan Sangha against the Waqf Board on Tuesday.

BJP leaders and members of farmers' organisations have launched a protest across the state after many farmers and landowners received notices stating that their lands have been marked as Waqf properties. CONTINUED ON P2

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K.Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

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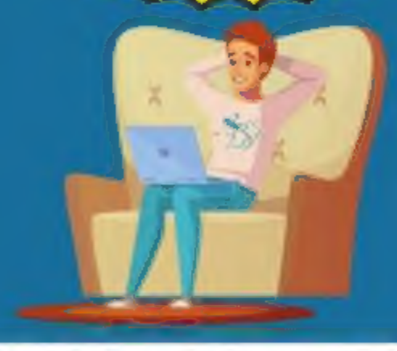

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• Interest : Zero	• Interest : Rs.13,500/-
• Penalty : Rs. 100/-	• Penalty : Rs.25,000/-
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